S. No.	State	Approved cost
4.	Goa	14.10
5.	Gujarat	93.83
6.	Haryana	248.56
7.	Jharkhand	41.34
8.	Karnataka	72.00
9.	Kerala	18.45
10.	Maharashtra	123.17
11.	M.P.	101.19
12.	Orissa	72.27
13.	Punjab	234.58
14.	Rajasthan	13.21
15.	Tamilnadu	1103.10
16.	U.P.	800.30
17.	Uttranchal	38.49
18.	W.B.	394.65
	TOTAL	3983.34

Felling of trees in Metro Cities

1379. SHRI CHO. S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large number of trees are being cut in various metros of the country without the valid permission of the concerned authorities;

(b) if so, how many such cases have been reported from various metros of the country;

(c) what steps are being taken to prevent felling of trees to protect the environmental degradation of the cities; and

(d) whether Government propose to bring out stricter laws to prevent this act; and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV): (a) No, Sir

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) Delhi Preservation of Trees Act, 1994 is already in force. Permission for felling of trees is allowed on the condition of plantation of 10 saplings against each tree permitted for felling.

In Tamil Nadu, Honorary tree wardens have been appointed and regular patrolling is being done to protect the planted saplings and the existing trees.

In Kolkata, a committee has been constituted on the directives of the Hon'ble High Court of Kolkata consisting of officials of Forest Department, Government of West Bengal, West Bengal Forest Development Corporation Limited, West Bengal Pollution Control Board and Department of Environment. This committee is constituted to accord permission or otherwise for felling of any tree and necessary replanting programme in the Metro. Five trees are required to be planted for every tree felled.

(d) No such proposal is under consideration of the Central Government.

The information in respect of Mumbai is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Cultivation of trees in Central Himalayas

†1380. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to encourage farmers to adopt the cultivation of trees in such areas, particularly in the regions of Central Himalayas;

(b) whether the Ministry has any scheme to link the tree-plantation with the livelihood of a person in the areas which are very

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.